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Dear SCMS Pedagogy Award Committee,

This is Ting Wang at the International Center for Journalists. I am writing to offer my strongest support of Prof. Chuck Kleinhans' nomination for the SCMS Teaching Award.

Prof. Kleinhans has been my professor and advisor throughout my MA/PhD study in the Department of Radio, TV & Film (RTVF), School of Communication, at Northwestern University. I have known him both as a mentor and a friend for six years.

He is a natural born teacher, an exceptional one. Always articulate, well-prepared, thought-provoking, patient, encouraging yet with strict principles, he guides students in a wide range of areas of his expertise: experimental film & video; cross-cultural analysis; international cinema (e.g. Hong Kong, India); Hollywood from multiple (ideological, textual, cultural, institutional) perspectives; and intersecting media theories with practices, etc. His breath of knowledge and teaching makes him a truly amazing professor.

The biggest blessing for my study at Northwestern is having Prof. Kleinhans as my advisor. He is among the most open-minded to other cultures and peoples, and totally supportive of international students like me. From the thoughtful orientation he gave me to the new academic and cultural settings upon my arrival in the US, to his in-depth instructions and support of my coursework, research, conference attendance, grant application, his meticulous guidance of my dissertation conceptualization, development, writing and close editing, and his gracious encouragement and even holiday home hospitalities, he has always been there for me, as an invaluable mentor and reliable friend. No matter how busy he is, he always has time or makes time for his students, American and international alike. I believe every international student who has studied at RTVF in the last three decades will second me in saying that our journey of academic pursuits in a different culture (and in most cases also a different language) would never have been as smooth and enjoyable had it not been for Prof. Kleinhans' generous mentoring and selfless support.

Working with Prof. Kleinhans as a TA is equally fulfilling. I was his TA in spring 2003 for his course "Hollywood in the 1990s". He walked me through the entire process of designing a course, developing a full syllabus, and taught me how to conduct effective class presentations, mentor students, and do fair and balanced grading. He conducted productive teacher training workshops for all TAs on a regular basis, and introduced us to innovative teaching techniques and urged us to keep up with state-of-the-art multimedia teaching methods. He also encouraged us to become versatile teachers with

not only knowledge but also an eager mind to learn new things and the ability to adapt to the constantly changing media environment.

To sum up, Prof. Kleinhans is an outstanding, creative and deeply devoted instructor, effective and nurturing mentor, with a most loving heart, and every readiness to guide and support his students from diverse cultural and language backgrounds. I fully support his nomination for the SCMS Teaching Award without any reservation. Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours, Ting Wang